



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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: IMPROVED METHOD AND
: APPARATUS FOR TRIMMING
: ALUMINUM SHEET

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Examiner: C. Dexter

AMENDMENT

December 6, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2000. Accompanying this Amendment is a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through December 6, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 10 as follows:

Sub E2 1. (Twice amended) A method of trimming aluminum sheet comprising:

securing the aluminum sheet in a die adjacent a cutting blade at a cutting angle of [at least about 10] from about 10 to about 30 degrees measured from a plane perpendicular to a cutting direction of the cutting blade and with a cutting blade clearance measured between the blade and the die; and

trimming the aluminum sheet at the cutting angle and with the cutting blade clearance to thereby produce a trimmed aluminum sheet with substantially no slivers.